

### HURT ON THE BAR

Steward of Whittier Jammed By Heavy Sea.

### BAR BOUND FLEET GROWS

Odds and Ends of Marine News Garnered Yesterday on Docks of Astoria—Ships That Pass and Those That Don't Pass.

necessary in order to accommodate not only the Harriman lines but also the various independent coasters plying between that city and California ports, so agents of the independent steamers decline. They contend that while an improvement in the system of the regular liners will make heavier demands upon shippers, the natural increase in traffic will be so great as to warrant the operation of every vessel now on the route and possibly more. At present more than a score of good-sized steam schooners are plying along the coast, with Portland as the northern terminus, and some of these are having difficulty in finding suitable docking facilities. Not a few of the boats carrying passengers have to land at places far from accessible, to the discomfort of travelers who, for some reason or other, choose to patronize other boats than those operated by the Harriman system.

#### Star Reporter Afloat.

Honolulu, Dec. 19.—The steamer Ventura, arriving from Australia today, brought a report that the eruption of the mountain Matatutu, on the Island of Savaii, in the Samoan group, has increased to such force that the mountain has been piled up 3000 feet. The lava has covered thirty square miles, and a stream of lava twelve miles wide is flowing into the ocean. The lava is being thrown 1200 feet high. The natives have deserted the region.

#### New Liners.

The steamer Ping Suey, which arrived yesterday at Victoria from Japan, brought news that four liners have been added to the Japan Sail line between Japan, China and Puget Sound, and the fortnightly service disrupted by the war will be resumed at an early date. The new steamer Tango Maru has been added instead of the Kinshu Maru, sunk during the war.

#### ♦♦♦♦♦ FLOTSAM AND JETSAM ♦♦♦♦♦

The Department of the Treasury and the Bureau of Commerce and Labor have refused to permit the establishment of a branch customs and quarantine office at Port Harford, or to allow officials to go from San Francisco to give their clearance papers, as has been

the custom. Hereafter vessels must call at San Francisco for that purpose.

The Callender steamer Wenona, Captain Hull, is the popular deep river packer these days, and is kept hustling day by day.

The steamer Geo. H. Mendell with some of the government engineers on board, was taking soundings in the city channel yesterday afternoon.

If the steamer Eureka was off the Columbia on Tuesday last, she has either gone back to San Francisco, or on to Puget Sound, for shelter. She has not been reported since then.

The steamship Columbia came in from San Francisco early yesterday morning and after docking her freight and passengers for this port, proceeded to Portland at 10 a. m.

The steamer Northland came down the river yesterday morning early and joined the bar-bound fleet in this port. There will some marine Christmas dinners eaten in Astoria waters if the boys don't look out.

The steamer Redondo is due down from Portland this morning. She will probably have to await her chance for getting to sea. The Columbia bar has the "say so" these days, and there are few to dispute it.

The British steamship Croydon for Moji, Japan, and the German bark Europe, for Falmouth, cleared at the Astoria custom house yesterday. To clear is one thing, and to get over the Columbia bar is quite another.

The steamship Costa Rica was an early arrival from Portland yesterday morning and remained at the O. R. & N. pier, which she will leave this morning if the Columbia bar is in a complacent mood and permits her to pass on her way to San Francisco.

The steamer Alliance came down from the metropolis yesterday with a light cargo and a few people in her cabin, bound for Coos Bay and Eureka. She went down to the bar, but things were too turbulent there for her so she returned to the Callender pier and will go out this morning, if everything is favorable.

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### TAX PAYERS MEET

#### Special Meeting in School District No. 1.

#### SCHOOL LEVY IS MADE

Board of School Directors Make Their Annual Report—School Clerk Ferguson Makes His Financial Report—The Eight-Mill Tax Levy Passes.

The special meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 1, occurred last evening in the Shively school and though the attendance was smaller than it should have been, the interest of the few present, helped to make the meeting very entertaining. Some very interesting and instructive figures were given regarding the financial and condition in general of the schools which every taxpayer should have heard. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the board, F. J. Taylor, who after stating the object of the meeting, read the board of directors' report. This report on the motion of Mr. Daly, was adopted and ordered filed.

Clerk Ferguson had his report on the expenses of the school district for the past year, and the estimated expense for 1906, written out on the blackboard, and in a clear and comprehensive manner, went through it explaining the different items of expense and revenue. Clerk Ferguson's report on motion was adopted and ordered filed.

Acting on the recommendation of the report of the directors that a tax levy of six mills for school purposes, and two mills for improvements, be made, James W. Welch moved that such a tax be levied, and on being put, was carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned.

The report of the board of directors in detail is as follows: Astoria, Ore., Dec. 20, 1905. To the Taxpayers of School District No. 1:—

The board of directors of the school district take pleasure in reporting that the present school year bids fair to show a decided improvement in the schools of the district over that of any previous year. There are 1402 pupils enrolled and thirty-four teachers. Prior to the present year the principal of the high school, who is, also, principal of the McClure school, has occupied the position of superintendent of the city schools; but he has been superintendent only in name, since his duties as principal have occupied all, or nearly all, of his time. The board feeling the im-

portance of a proper superintendent of the schools, decided to appoint a superintendent, whose duties would be exclusively to superintend, and did so, appointing Professor A. L. Clark, formerly principal of the high school, to



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that position, at a salary of \$1500 per year. It is yet too soon to determine fully to what extent the schools will be benefited thereby; but improvements are noticeable, and it is the belief of the board that a very material gain will be noticeable at the end of the school year.

Two teachers have been added to the list the present year, making the number at present thirty-four, and the salaries have been increased, on an average, ten per cent, over those of last year. Thus, it will be seen, the expense of conducting the schools the present year will be materially increased over what it was last year.

The districts finances are in better shape than they have heretofore been in several years. At the time of our last annual meeting the report of the clerk showed a balance of moneys on hand of \$4602.89, while his present report shows a balance on hand, over all outstanding warrants, of \$9846.69—a gain of \$4243.80 over one year ago. The present condition, however, but places the district in position to meet its obligations throughout the year, without its having to borrow, as has been done in past years.

The present bonded indebtedness of the district is \$71,000, and the annual interest charge thereon is \$3720. There is no floating indebtedness. It will be seen that the interest paid on the bonded indebtedness amounted last year to more than twenty-five per cent of the total received from an eight-mill tax.

This district maintains the only high school in the county. The number of pupils from outside school districts desirous of attending the high school increases with each year. In most cases the parents of such pupils are taxpayers in the county, and in many instances are persons who find it difficult to support their children in town and pay the tuition, while they are attending the high school. In order to avoid the payment of tuition, some outside pupils have caused themselves to be enrolled in this school district, thereby bringing their portion on the apportionment of the school funds, to this district. But this is a bad practice, and tends to teach our young people that our laws are not made to be observed, but to be avoided and disregarded. In 1901 the legislature enacted a law to authorize the organization and maintenance of district and county high school in this state, which law provides that the county court, at any general election, must, upon presentation of a petition signed by one hundred or more qualified electors, taxpayers of said county, submit the question of establishing and maintaining a county high school to the electors of said county, and provides for the levying of taxes for supporting the school, and also that instead of maintaining a separate high school, the board may contract with the board of directors of any school district main-

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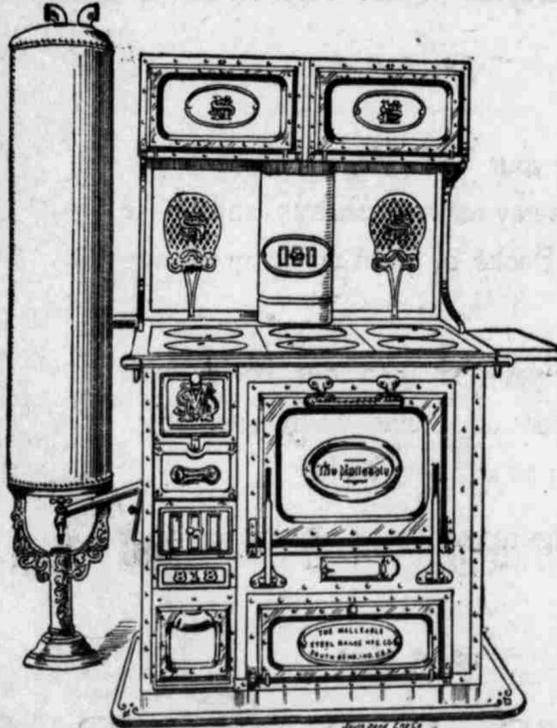
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